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DIST 1 AUGUST 1968

COUNTRY: MEXICO

DOI: 31 JULY 68

SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

SOURCE:

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1730 HOURS ON 31 JULY 1968, TEN GROUPS OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY STUDENTS EACH WERE APPROACHING THE ZOCALO IN MEXICO CITY. POLICE FORCES WERE ATTEMPTING TO DISPERSE THEM.

2. AT 1800 HOURS, SOLDIERS WITH DRAWN BAYONETS WERE BREAKING UP SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS AT THE ZOCALO. IN AREAS ADJACENT TO THE ZOCALO

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WHERE SEVERAL SCHOOLS ARE LOCATED, SOLDIERS WERE CHALLENGING ALL WHO APPROACHED, DEMANDING IDENTIFICATION, AND ESCORTING THOSE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED TO THEIR DOORS. ONLY SOLDIERS, AND NO POLICEMEN HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN THESE AREAS DURING THE PAST HOUR.

3. THERE IS AN EFFORT AMONG TROTSKYIST STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOLS OF ECONOMICS POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY AT UNAM TO ORGANIZE "SHOCK TROOPS" TO DEFEND THE UNIVERSITY IN CASE OF FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF ITS AUTONOMY. THE TROTSKYISTS ARE ALSO TALKING ABOUT SENDING SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS TO FACTORIES IN THE MEXICO CITY AREA IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET WORKERS' SUPPORT FOR STUDENT DEMANDS AND CAUSES.

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